GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5768
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2007
AIRLINES HOLDING CATEGORY III- A
Reddy Shri Magunta Sreenivasulu

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aircraft with auto land system which allow aeroplanes to land in poor visibility with far greater accuracy and reliability are bunched together with those which do not have such sophisticated avionics;

(b) if so, whether the Director General of Civil Aviation has been giving permission to category III-A to land even during poor visibility should be given preference to touch down first; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) No, Sir. All aircrafts are cleared to approach the airport but only those aircrafts whose aerodrome operating minima are lower than current visibility / runway visual range, carry out instrument approach to land.

(b) & (c) All aircrafts which are able to operate in a particular visibility are cleared to make approaches in their sequence. Aircrafts whose minima is higher than the prevailing visibility are not permitted to land or take off except during emergency.